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Dr. Guillory,

I am writing to you to express my interest in being appointed to the Louisiana State Police Commission. I believe my experience and qualifications make me a strong candidate.

For your review, I have attached my detailed resume and bio. Should you have any questions or need further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for considering me to serve on the LSP commission. I greatly appreciate your time and look forward to the possibility of contributing to the commission's work.

Thank you,

Kevin Davis
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Kevin C. Davis

Email: [redacted]

Executive Director, Northshore Business Council 2024-present

Owner, Kevin Davis Consulting 2016-present

Provides consulting to governments and private companies for federal funding options.

Area of expertise: Federal and State of Louisiana transportation funding
Developed DOTD pilot program for funding highway projects with local governments
H.U.D. Programs
F.E.M.A. Programs

Director , Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
State of Louisiana *2011-2016*

Crisis Management

- Managed 165 emergency response missions
- Coordinated emergency responses with federal, state and local officials
- Coordinated state level intra-agency emergency support responses
- Assisted State of New York after Super Storm Sandy
- Enhanced public education efforts resulting in over 50 awards for communication excellence

Administrative Leadership

- Managed over $18 billion in Federal Grants funding over 35,000 projects
- Fulfilled administrative duties of statewide agency

• Created first parish wide Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
• Received first unqualified audit in parish history
• Top secret clearance
• Led and developed the Louisiana Ebola response plan
• Led the biological response at Tulane primate center
• Developed The Louisiana Elected Officials Emergency Management Manual

Served on the following Boards and Committees Unified Command Group

Regional Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Directors Subcommittee
First Responders Subcommittee
Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact Subcommittee
Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association
LA Coastal Protection and Restoration Board of Directors
Louisiana Emergency Response Commission
Louisiana School and Campus Safety Study Group
Joint Terrorism Task Force
Louisiana Shelter, Southwest and Southeast Hurricane Task Forces
National Association of emergency Management Response and Recovery Committee
Disaster Management Institute
FEMA Regional Advisory Committee
LA GIS Council
LA 211 Council
Louisiana Emergency Response Network
International Resiliency Conference Executive Committee
St. Tammany Parish Fire District 1 Board of Directors
Northshore Harbor Center Board of Directors
Good Samaritans Board of Directors
The 1st Bank Advisory Member
Leadership Slidell Committee Member

St. Tammany Parish President 2000-2011

Emergency Responses

• Led parish-wide Emergency Response to 23 storms and hurricanes, including Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Gustav

• Led rebuilding process when 48,000 homes were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, resulting in 13,000 task orders and $55 million in Federally funded infrastructure projects

• Led multi-parish effort to protect Lake Pontchartrain basin from Gulf Oil Spill

• Led multi-parish response to clean up of paper mill spill into the Pearl River, resulting in a kill of over 750,000 fish

• Created Parish Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

• Created first comprehensive emergency response plan

• Created first Emergency Operations Center

• Instituted first Emergency Notification System Via Telephone

• Created first social media based emergency information system

Transportation

- Developed St. Tammany Parish's $200 million road improvement program
- Negotiated the acquisition of former I-10 Twin Span bridges to create the St. Tammany Fishing Pier
- Creator of St. Tammany Parish Trace - a recreational corridor converted from the Illinois Central Railroad using transportation funds
- Developed the Transportation Improvement Plan annually for RPC
- Officer of the 7 parish Metro Planning Organization (RPC)
- Served on the transportation committee of RPC (Regional Planning Commission)

Fiscal

• Created first parish wide Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

• Received first unqualified audit in parish history

Community Development

Created and developed Camp Salmen Nature Park

St. Tammany Parish Police Juror, 1988-2000

• Creator of St. Tammany Trace - a 31 mile railroad corridor converted to a recreational corridor.

• Helped to design and create St. Tammany's Home Rule Charter

Davis Electrical Contractors, 1976-2005

• Commercial and Residential electrical contractor servicing New Orleans metro area.

Kevin Davis

Biography

As Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) Director Davis served as Deputy Commander of the Unified Command Group (UCG) and Homeland Security Advisor (HSA) to the Governor. He directed the activities of statewide interoperability projects and served on the Regional Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Directors Subcommittee (Regional Director's Subcommittee). Under his leadership, GOHSEP managed more than 4,800 applicants involved in FEMA's grant programs for more than 35,000 separate projects. In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, Kevin approved the deployment of Louisiana resources to East Coast states under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and traveled to New York and New Jersey to provide disaster response and recovery guidance after Hurricane Sandy.

As Director, Kevin Davis developed the State of Louisiana's Ebola Response Plan; the first type of Ebola plan in the country. His plan was comprehensive and led to other states requesting permission to use Louisiana's Ebola Response Plan.

During his time as the Director, Kevin oversaw the response to a significant biohazard release in the state. To mitigate the release, he coordinated with the Centers for Disease Control, The Federal Department of Agriculture as well as the State of Louisiana's own Agriculture Department and Department of Health and Hospitals.

Beginning in 2000 and ending in 2011, Kevin Davis served for three (3) terms as the first Parish President under the St. Tammany Parish Home Rule Charter. His tenure resulted in numerous accomplishments and awards for his innovation in transportation and emergency response. He was recognized three times for leading the development of St. Tammany Parish's first comprehensive annual financial report. This provided the first unqualified audit for St. Tammany.

During his tenure as St. Tammany Parish President, Kevin was given the nickname of "The Road Warrior." He effectively worked with the Louisiana Legislature to accomplish $143.8 million in roadwork and $6.4 million in drainage projects. Kevin Davis guided St. Tammany through every step of a rebuilding process when 48,000 homes were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, overseeing 13,000 task orders and $55 million in Federally funded infrastructure projects.

Kevin Davis served four (4) terms as Chairman of the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) and has been recognized with a numerous honors for his transportation work, including the State of Louisiana and Slidell Small Businessperson of the Year, the St. Tammany Economic Partnership Award, the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation Award, The St. Tammany West Leadership award, and the St.Tammany Parish School Board Award.

Kevin currently serves on the Fire District 1, Northshore Harbor Center, and Good Samaritans Board of Directors.

GOHSEP

GOHSEP is the agency responsible for coordinating the State's efforts throughout the emergency management cycle to prepare for, prevent , respond to, recover from and mitigate against to lessen the effects of man-made or natural disasters that threaten our State.

The Director of GOHSEP is appointed by the Governor as the Homeland Security Advisor (HSA) and acts on behalf of the Governor in the event of an emergency or disaster.

The GOHSEP Director serves as the Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR) for all emergency and recovery issues when dealing with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Organizational Structure

GOHSEP is organized around five (5) focus areas: Prepare - Prevent- Respond -Recover - Mitigate and comprised the Executive Office and three (3) divisions:

- Grants and Administration
- Preparedness , Response and Interoperability

• Disaster Recovery

GOHSEP Staffing Details

Permanent Employees: 51

Temporary Employees: 335

Total: 386

GOHSEP Budget

1) FEDERAL FUNDS 1,277,165,404 98.99%

2) STATE GENERAL FUND (DIRECT) 6,708,297 .52%

3) INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS 6,107,835 .47%

4) FEES AND SELF GENERATED 245,944 .02% (Fixed Nuclear Facilities , EMAC, GAGP)

TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING 1,290,277,480 100%

Average $20 million in reimbursements weekly ($80 million a month). GOHSEP manages over $15 billion in Federal recovery obligations through Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Program grants and $9 million annually from Preparedness grant programs. (10) Open Federally Declared Disasters, (7) Preparedness Grant Programs, (2) Non-Disaster Mitigation Programs.

Consolidation and Streamlining of Agency Functions

Since December 2011, under Kevin's direction GOHSEP reduced its personnel from 82-TO to 51-TO; a 38% reduction. Additionally, the agency was able to reduce its reliance on the state general fund by utilizing available and eligible federal grants to support day to day operations of the agency. This included eliminating all state general fund for salaries.

These reductions were achieved through the consolidation of back office functions, elimination of duplicative services, and streamlining the mission critical services of the agency.

Other Reductions Initiatives

• Reduced GOHSEP vehicles from 80 to 48 (includes state owned and lease)

• Eliminated all general fund professional/consulting services contracts

• Eliminated cellphones for non-essential personnel

• Implemented expenditure freezes throughout the agency to eliminate general fund requirements

• Eliminated multiple technology and phone system contracts by targeting duplicative and/or unused services

Elimination of Financial Audit Findings

Through aggressive oversight and hands on management to establish proper procedures and training, GOHSEP eliminated *all* financial audit findings issued by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. A reduction from 11 audit findings to zero.

National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF)

Beyond the Katrina/Rita experience that helped inform the development of the NDRF, after Hurricane Isaac in 2012, Louisiana parishes helped lead the way in using these new paths to recovery. For example , following the NDRF model, residents and community leaders in St. John the Baptist Parish offered input and vision to help their community rebound from Isaac. Those efforts helped the community to capitalize on opportunities to rebuild smarter, safer and stronger. St. John the Baptist Parish launched a volunteer committee - One Parish, One Future: Building Back Better and Stronger - to help rally public support for and participation in the local recovery effort. The initiative encouraged pubic participation and contribution of ideas and strategies for rebuilding through in-person activities at community events and through parish online surveys, resulting in a parish recovery plan. Whole community participation in recovery is a cornerstone of the NDRF.

EMAP Re-Accredited

During 2012 GOHSEP earned reaccreditation from the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) . Only 27 states have been accredited by EMAP -recognition for emergency management programs based on national standards.

School Emergency Management Planning

Recognizing that school personnel are the first to respond and the first to make critical decisions in the event of an emergency or disaster on a school campus - in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Education (DOE) and using funding provided through the Grants to States for School Emergency Management Planning (SEMP) Program -GOHSEP is assisting school districts with emergency operations plan (EOP) development. Using SEMP funds, GOHSEP provides training and guidance to school districts for the development of school-based all-hazard EOPs.

ALERT FM

GOHSEP formally announced the completion of a statewide alerting system infrastructure called ALERT FM May 2013 and funded with federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds. GOHSEP utilizes the ALERT FM system to send out its emergency alerts as will emergency managers from most parishes and colleges/universities across the state . The public can access ALERT FM information by downloading a free Apple or Android app, purchase a "premium services" app or by purchasing an ALERT FM receiver. By using ALERT FM, citizens will be able to receive a variety of local messages that may include NOAA weather warnings, school closings, road closures, and evacuation and re- entry instructions on ALERT FM receivers and the ALERT FM smartphone app. These systems provide a complete end-to-end, satellite-based voice and text emergency notification system for the state.

Elected Officials

Louisiana elected officials have significant responsibilities in preparedness , response, recovery and mitigation under the Louisiana Disaster Act. Kevin had to vision to develop The Louisiana Elected Officials Emergency Management Manual (EO Manual) - produced by GOHSEP. This high-level view of important federal and state regulations provided guidance and resources to local governments. From preparedness and planning before an emergency, through long-term recovery efforts in disaster-impacted communities, the Elected Officials Manual is a valuable resource to all local and state decision makers.

To roll out the Elected Officials Manual, Kevin Davis personally held strategic regional meetings for every Louisiana region. He explained to groups of elected officials how to access the manual to enhance their roles and responsibilities for emergency preparedness.

Increasing Self-Generated Revenue

Kevin Davis increased GOHSEP's self-generated revenue by establishing an ongoing working dialogue with three nuclear facilities within Louisiana. Prior his intervention, the facilities were paying a bare minimum rate for GOSHEPs services. By identifying these costs provided by GOHSEP on behalf of the facilities, he created a new agreement which resulted in an 80% increase in revenue for the agency.

Reduction of FEMA Debt and Establishment of Repayment Plan

GOHSEP had an outstanding bill of collection due to mismanagement of federal funding from FEMA for disasters as far back as 1999 through 2004 and included more recent disaster event's required state cost share that totaled over $58 million. By building a comprehensive grant management program and establishing a professional working relationship with FEMA, Kevin Davis negotiated the reduction in penalties and interest by 60%, saving the State of Louisiana a considerable amount of funds. The State of Louisiana was approved for a 5 year repayment plan which would eliminate the outstanding debt. Kevin's work with FEMA is now looked at as a national best practice.